



**DRAFT MEETING  
MINUTES PENDING COMMISSION APPROVAL**

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**WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16185611167>

**Present:** Commissioner Ann Marie Wallace  
Representative Elizabeth Weight  
Commissioner Karen Leonardi  
Co-Chair Senator Luz Escamilla  
Co-Chair Commissioner Melissa Freigang  
Commissioner Morgan Lyon Cotti  
Commissioner Sarah Brenna

**Excused:** Representative Ann Millner  
Commissioner Kristen Floyd  
Representative Karianne Lisonbee

**Absent:** Commissioner Brandie Morris

**Staff:** Mahal Roesser  
Jared Mendenhall

**Guests:** Representative Jeffrey Stenquist  
Senator Jake Anderegg  
Representative Brian King  
Representative Gay Lynn Bennion  
Representative Stephanie Pitcher  
Subcommittee Co-Chair Marin Christensen  
Director Amanda McPeck  
Dr. Susan Madsen

Ericka Mendoza  
Luna Lipscomb  
Kristen Schulz  
Caroline Crocket  
Mckay Brooks  
Max Curry  
Darika Verdugo

**Quorum:** Yes

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang called to order the Women in the Economy Commission (WIEC) virtual meeting on January 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

A. Called for introductions from attending Commissioners who described their roles and qualifications.

**2. Opening Business**

A. Purpose of WIEC

Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang discussed the purpose of the WIEC.

B. Approval of the November 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Defer to the March 22, 2022 meeting of the WIEC. Quorum not yet present during this proceeding.**

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**3. Legislative Presentations**

Legislative Representatives summarized their proposed legislation and impacts on Utah women in the economy.

A. [H.B. 194 Department of Corrections Education Services](#)

Representative Ballard discussed H.B. 194 and highlighted provisions of equitable opportunities for men and women and education that is available as early as possible.

- i. Reported that education becomes available approximately two years after entry.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Department of Corrections Education Services bill.**

*Motion: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang*

*Second: Commissioner Cotti*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

B. [H.B. 110 Alcohol Education Amendments](#)

Representative Stenquist discussed H.B.110 and highlighted the provision of a program to help the public understand the impacts of drinking alcohol while pregnant.

- i. Described the program funding mechanism through revenue generated by alcohol sales.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Alcohol Education Amendments.**

*Motion: Commissioner Cotti*

*Second: Commissioner Leonardi*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

C. [Women in the Economy Commission Amendments](#)

Senator Escamilla discussed in-process amendments to the WIEC and highlighted the provision of increased alignment with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, Unified Economic Opportunity Commission and Utah's Executive Branch.

- i. Representative Weight inquired about the impacts of these amendments.
- ii. Senator Escamilla clarified that WIEC membership would not be impacted, but the supporting agency will change.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Women in the Economy Commission Amendments.**

*Motion: Commissioner Leonardi*

*Second: Commissioner Cotti*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

D. [S.B. 133 Food Security Amendments](#)

Senator Escamilla discussed S.B. 133 and highlighted the provision of coordinated state efforts in addressing food security.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Food Security Amendments.**



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*Motion: Commissioner Leonardi*

*Second: Commissioner Cotti*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

E. [S.B. 185 Children's Health Coverage Amendments](#)

Senator Escamilla discussed S.B. 185 and highlighted provisions of expanded eligibility and removal of barriers for children who need access to health coverage.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Children's Health Coverage Amendments.**

*Motion: Commissioner Leonardi*

*Second: Commissioner Cotti*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

F. [Integrated County Intergenerational Poverty - RFA Update](#)

Senator Anderegg discussed the Integrated Community Action Now (I-CAN) proposal; a social services model developed by the Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence to combat intergenerational poverty.

i. Senator Anderegg summarized I-CAN Outcomes between January 2019 and December 2021 and additional metrics.

ii. Dr. Madsen shared a [research snapshot by the Utah Women & Leadership Project](#) on poverty among women in Utah.

**Motion to support in concept the I-CAN RFA Proposal.**

*Motion: Commissioner Leonardi*

*Second: Commissioner Cotti*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

G. [H.B. 117 Victim Address Confidentiality Program](#)

Representative Pitcher discussed H.B. 117 and highlighted the provision of assigning fictitious addresses to victims through this program.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Victim Address Confidentiality Program.**

*Motion: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang*

*Second: Commissioner Wallace*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

H. [H.B. 196 \(Unverified\) Transfer of Domestic Violence Cases](#)

Representative Pitcher discussed H.B. 196 and highlighted the provision of using courts of record by transferring domestic violence cases from the justice court to the district court.

I. [H.B. 130 Driver License Test Amendments](#)

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Representative Bennion discussed H.B. 130 and highlighted the provision of translations available in multiple languages.

- i. Representative Bennion reported that Utah is the only state without this test available in at least Spanish.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Driver License Test Amendments.**

*Motion: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang*

*Second: Commissioner Leonardi*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

J. [Code Improvements - Notice of Entry \(Assigned to H.B. 255 Utah Fit Premises Act Amendments\)](#)

Representative Bennion discussed H.B. 255 and highlighted the provision of code improvements including a 24-hour notice of rental entry.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Code Improvements - Notice of Entry.**

*Motion: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang*

*Second: Commissioner Leonardi*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

K. [H.B. 220 Pregnancy and Postpartum Medicaid Coverage](#)

Representative Lesser discussed H.B. 220 and highlighted provisions of expanded Medicaid eligibility and extended coverage for pregnant women in Utah after delivery.

- i. Kristin Schulz shared a [Medicaid Postpartum Coverage Extension Tracker](#).

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Pregnancy and Postpartum Medicaid Coverage.**

*Motion: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang*

*Second: Commissioner Leonardi*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

L. [H.B. 150 Disability Ombudsman Program](#)

Representative Weight, on behalf of Representative Dailey-Provost, discussed H.B. 150 and highlighted provisions of support for individuals navigating services and an advocate of these services and policies.

- i. Director Brenna shared personal feedback and observations from committee meetings.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Disability Ombudsman Program.**

*Motion: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang*

*Second: Commissioner Cotti*

*Approve: All*

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*Oppose: None*

M. [H.B. 212 Health Care Coverage Amendments](#)

Representative Weight, on behalf of Representative Dailey-Provost discussed H.B. 212 and highlighted the provision of sliding scale payments.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Health Care Coverage Amendments.**

*Motion: Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang*

*Second: Representative Weight*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

N. [H.B. 358 Mental Health Treatment Amendments](#)

Representative King discussed H.B. 358 and a federal statute signed into law in 2008 involving mental health benefits.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Mental Health Treatment Amendments.**

*Motion: Commissioner Brenna*

*Second: Commissioner Wallace*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

O. [H.B. 233 Disability Benefit Amendments](#)

Representative King discussed H.B. 233 and highlighted the provision of disability benefits for an objective medical impairment during a three-year pilot period regardless of whether it is a physical or mental impairment.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Disability Benefit Amendments.**

*Motion: Commissioner Brenna*

*Second: Commissioner Wallace*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

P. [H.B. 65 Forensic Biological Evidence Preservation](#)

Representative King discussed H.B. 65 and highlighted the provision of established procedures for the destruction and preservation of biological evidence.

**Motion to support in concept the proposed Forensic Biological Evidence Preservation.**

*Motion: Commissioner Brenna*

*Second: Commissioner Wallace*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

Q. [H.B. 133 Expanded Background Checks for Firearm](#)

Representative King discussed H.B. 133 and highlighted provisions of criminal background checks for firearm transfers, exceptions under specific circumstances, and temporary transfers.

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**Motion to support in concept the proposed Expanded Background Checks for Firearms.**

*Motion: Commissioner Brenna*

*Second: Commissioner Wallace*

*Approve: All*

*Oppose: None*

**4. Subcommittee Updates**

A. Communications

Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang shared updates on WIEC Commissioner bios, website changes, and social media posts.

B. Research

Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang shared updates on recruitment, scheduling, and introduced Commissioner Cotti as the chair of this subcommittee.

C. Policy

Representative Weight recommended postponing the February Policy Subcommittee meeting to March due to the legislative session.

D. Executive - Deferred

**5. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**6. New Business**

A. Upcoming Meetings

March 22, 2022 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

May 24, 2022 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

July 26, 2022 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

September 27, 2022 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

Co-Chair Commissioner Freigang motioned to adjourn the WIEC meeting on January 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.